

September 7, 2010

Tina Brooks, Undersecretary  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300  
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Ms. Brooks:

This letter is in support of the Acton Housing Authority's (AHA) application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Rental Housing Fund. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) supported this project by awarding the Acton Housing Authority Community Preservation funds for the pre-development costs in 2009. The award was for \$152,000 and was passed by a majority vote at Town Meeting. The CPC supported the project again in 2010 at Town Meeting with an additional award of \$250,000 for the development costs of the new unit. The Housing Authority has met with the neighbors and solicited their input throughout the design process.

In the 2010 Town of Acton's Community Preservation Plan the CPC listed the following as a goal to address the housing needs in the community: "Support the Acton Housing Authority's plan to increase the inventory of affordable rental housing for families by developing more units on existing AHA land and/or purchasing additional condominium units."

The Housing Authority is one of the only affordable housing resources in our Town. I urge you to support the Acton Housing Authority's application.

Sincerely,

Walter Foster, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee